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VIA ECFS AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Chairman Johnny Rogers
Lamar County Commission
P.O. Box 338
Vernon, AL 35592

Re: *STELAR Feasibility Certification, Market Modification Pre-Filing Coordination Letter for Lamar County, AL*, MB Docket No. 15-71

Dear Chairman Rogers:

DISH Network L.L.C. (“DISH”) is in receipt of your pre-filing coordination letter (“Letter”),¹ pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) rules governing market modifications for satellite carriers under the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (“STELAR”).²

The Letter requests information regarding carriage of the local broadcasts stations from Birmingham, Alabama into Lamar County, Alabama.

The attached Feasibility Certification pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 76.59(e) reflects DISH’s response to the Letter.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

¹ Lamar County Commission, Notice of Lamar County’s engagement of Directv and DISH Network for a modification of market area designations, August 9, 2016, as delivered to DISH via Letter from Rep. Robert B. Aderholt to Alison A. Minea, DISH, September 1, 2016.

² See Amendment to the Commission’s Rules Concerning Market Modification, Implementation of Section 102 of the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014, *Report and Order*, MB Docket No. 15-71, FCC 15-111, ¶ 47 (Sept. 2, 2015) (“*Market Modification Order*”). See also STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (STELAR), § 102, Pub. L. No. 113-200, 128 Stat. 2059, 2060-62 (2014) (codified at 47 U.S.C. § 338(l)).

Sincerely,

/s/
Alison Minea
Director & Senior Counsel,
Regulatory Affairs
DISH Network L.L.C.

Attachment: Feasibility Certification Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 76.59(e)

cc: Office of Rep. Robert B. Aderholt
1710 Alabama Avenue, Room 247
Jasper, AL. 35501
ATTN: Paul Housel

FEASIBILITY CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 47 C.F.R § 76.59(e)

1. This certification is issued by DISH Network L.L.C. (“DISH”) pursuant to the pre-filing coordination procedures contained in the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) Order¹ governing market modifications for satellite carriers under the STELA Reauthorization Act of 2014 (“STELAR”).²
2. This certification responds to the letter from Chairman Johnny Rogers (“Letter”) requesting information regarding carriage of unspecified Birmingham, Alabama local broadcast stations in Lamar County, Alabama (the “County”).
3. DISH has evaluated the Letter in light of its current satellites and spot beam configurations, and has determined that, at this time, DISH is unaware of any factors that render such carriage “technically infeasible” or “economically infeasible” pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 76.59(e). DISH, however, reserves the right to amend this Feasibility Certification at any time due to, among other things, a satellite equipment failure or a different satellite being brought into service for the area that includes Lamar County which has different coverage capabilities than the satellite currently being used.
4. To the extent that a Birmingham local broadcast station impacted by a market modification elects retransmission consent with respect to DISH for carriage of its station in Lamar County, DISH cannot be certain whether it will be able to successfully reach an agreement with the station. If any Birmingham stations were to deny DISH the right to retransmit its signal into the County, it may be either technically or economically infeasible, or both, for DISH to launch a customer offering with only the remaining stations that did grant retransmission consent.
5. As DISH noted in its comments during the development of the market modification rules,³ an FCC grant of a market modification could result in, among other things, two different stations affiliated with the same broadcast network being authorized for satellite local-into-local carriage in Lamar County. This could result in DISH being required to pay retransmission consent fees twice for the same broadcast network. Therefore, we must reserve the right to charge additional fees to DISH subscribers in Lamar County who elect to receive any Birmingham local broadcast station that DISH may be authorized to offer as a result of any market modification.
6. Without the ability to offset the additional costs associated with a market modification, it would be “economically infeasible” pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 76.59(e) for DISH to comply

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³ Comments of DISH Network L.L.C. at 9, MB Docket No. 15-71 (May 13, 2015).

with a market modification ordered by the FCC consistent with the request described in the Letter.

The foregoing has been prepared using facts of which I have personal knowledge or upon information provided to me. I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my current knowledge, information, and belief.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Minea", written over a horizontal line.

Alison Minea
DISH Network L.L.C.

Executed on October 18, 2016.